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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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1. I visited Ambassador Selwa Roosevelt, Chief of Protocol at the Department of State, on 5 November. My visit was in response to Mr. Casey's request that we advise her on Blair House security issues. As a result of my visit, she is now in touch with the appropriate security officials at State. We have volunteered to help in any way that we can.

2. Mrs. Roosevelt explained, during our meeting, that the Blair House complex has been closed, undergoing renovation for several years. The renovation is a large-scale one, using about \$8M in funding appropriated for that purpose. It is supported by another \$4M in private funding for furnishings. The complex includes 3 or 4 row houses and a new wing; it is located directly across from the White House. Renovations have progressed to a point where finishing (interior walls, etc) will begin in the next few months.

3. Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out that Blair House will provide accommodations for heads-of-state and other senior visitors. As such, it could be a prime target for technical monitoring. It is her belief that physical security on the construction site has not been adequate and that there could have been opportunity for implantation of listening devices. She said she understood that technical security was our business and wondered if we could help. She also pointed out that several agencies had responsibilities for physical and technical security at Blair House; including State, Secret Service, and FBI. State apparently has the lead during construction.

4. I reiterated our stance that we would help in whatever way that we could, mainly through application of our technical expertise. I suggested that first, she contact Bob Lamb, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, at State. I

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advised her that Bob had responsibilities for both physical and technical security and that we worked very closely with his people. I told her I would also be happy to close the loop with Dan Carlin, Director of Security Technology under Bob Lamb. She asked that I hold off until she talked with Bob.

5. Mrs. Roosevelt contacted Bob the next day. Bob and staff from the physical and technical security areas at State made a walk-through of Blair House on 17 November. We will work through Dan Carlin to provide help, as requested. I will also stay in touch with Bunny Murdoch of Mrs. Roosevelt's staff to track progress and problems.

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